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Neal Jensen  
Western Minerals  
P.O. Box 786  
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Re: Extension of Timeframe for Submittal of LMO and Interim Bond, Western Minerals, Travertine #1, M/023/042, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jensen:

A meeting was held at Division offices on February 24, 1998, at 10:00 am between you, Ron Teseneer (Fillmore - BLM), and Tom Munson of my staff. The issue regarding the submittal of a large mine permit and posting of the interim bond for the Travertine #1 mine was discussed. On February 4, 1998, we sent a letter to you requesting submittal of the large mine permit application by February 11, 1998 and an interim bond in the amount of \$14,000 by March 9, 1998. At the February 24 meeting, you stated that you had read this letter incorrectly and thought your deadline for **both** documents was March 9, 1998.

After additional discussion it was decided that the BLM and the Division could grant an extension of the large mine plan until March 9, 1998, at which time both the large mine application and interim bond would be due. Mr. Munson requested that you provide us with a letter explaining the circumstances of your failure to meet the established deadline. At the meeting, you informed Mr. Munson that you were preparing a draft letter and would forward it shortly. To date, we have not received your letter.

Under the circumstances, we are prepared to grant an extension of time until March 9, 1998 for submittal of your new permit application and interim surety. Mr. Jensen, please understand that it is unlikely that we can grant any further extension of time for the mitigation of this outstanding Notice of Noncompliance. If you cannot meet this deadline, we will have no alternative than to issue a Notice of Agency Action and take this matter before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. The Board would hear this matter during the next monthly public hearing. A Board Order would result outlining the appropriate enforcement action(s), mitigation, and/or penalties required to bring your operation into compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

We look forward to the receipt of your new permit application and interim surety so that mining operations may continue while your application is being jointly processed by the Division and BLM. If there are any questions regarding this letter please contact me or Tom Munson at (801) 538-5286 and 538-5321 respectively.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg  
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Minerals Reclamation Program

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